

National FFA Organization

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Dear Chapter Advisor:

The 76th State FFA Convention is rapidly drawing near. To maintain your FFA chapter charter, the New Jersey State FFA Association requires you to send two chapter representatives to the State FFA Convention to serve as official delegates. Being chosen to serve as a delegate is a great leadership opportunity for two members of your FFA chapter. The delegates representing your chapter should be chosen based on their leadership roles as chapter FFA officers.

The delegate process is an integral part of the New Jersey State FFA Convention. To ensure that this process is a success, I ask that you please distribute this packet to the two official delegates from your FFA chapter and discuss the information provided with your FFA chapter members.

Serving as a delegate is an honor, and like many honors, is accompanied by responsibility. Delegates must have strong leadership qualities. They are your FFA chapter representation and must be dedicated to bringing your chapter's voice to the decision making process. It is essential that you review the enclosed information with your FFA chapter delegates, so they are well prepared to represent your FFA chapter. The business conducted by the delegate body will impact the nearly 1700 members that form the New Jersey FFA Association for the next year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Robin C. McLean, State FFA Specialist, at 877-243-3332. If you have not notified the State Office of the names of your delegates, please do so immediately. The 2004-2005 State FFA Officers are looking forward to seeing you at the 76th State FFA Convention!

Sincerely,

Heather White

2004-05 New Jersey State FFA President

The FFA Mission

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



Dear Delegates:

Congratulations on being chosen as a delegate for the 76th New Jersey State FFA Convention! The role of a delegate is integral to the success of the convention. During your time as a delegate, you will make decisions that will impact not only your chapter but also the nearly 1700 members that form the New Jersey State FFA Association. Remember that your role at the convention is not only to make decisions, but also to show your strong leadership abilities. As a delegate, you become a role model for other members. With that in mind I ask that you help me show the members how fun and exciting the New Jersey FFA Convention can truly be!

The materials that are included in this packet are important to your understanding of the delegate process, so I ask you to review them and discuss them with your advisor. In doing so, you will become more informed and better able to make sound decisions at the State FFA Convention. You should also review the rules of parliamentary procedure because this will be essential to your understanding of what occurs during the business sessions at the convention. A summary of motions has been enclosed for your reference.

Please find the following items in your delegate packet. Bring this material to the delegate meeting on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:45 pm in Hickman Hall, Room 138. See you then!

2005 State Convention Delegate Checklist

- _____ **Introductory Delegate letter**
- _____ **Orientation Schedule for Delegates**
- _____ **Chapter Committee Assignments**
- _____ **Proposed Constitutional Amendments & Dues Proposal for 2005-2006**
- _____ **Constitutional amendments for consideration at National Convention**
- _____ **Summary of Motions**

Also Bring:

- _____ **Notebook**
- _____ **Pens and Pencils**
- _____ **FFA Manual**
- _____ **Calendar to mark important dates**

Last, but certainly not least, bring with you all your leadership skills and a positive attitude so we can all experience a fun-filled State FFA Convention!

Please review the enclosed material carefully. We encourage you to bring discussion to the delegate business meeting during the convention. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Robin McLean, State FFA Specialist, at 877-243-3332 or myself at Missstinkerella@aol.com. The 2004-05 New Jersey State FFA Officers look forward to your attendance and participation.

Sincerely, 

Heather White
2004-05 NJ State FFA President

2005 DELEGATE ORIENTATION SHEET

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Nominating Committee: 1:00 pm, Hickman Hall, Room 117

Delegates arrive: 2:00 pm, Registration – Nicholas Residence Hall

Delegates dinner: 5:00 to 5:45 pm, Cooper Dining Hall

Leadership Workshop: 6:00 pm, Hickman Hall, Room 101

Delegates meeting: 6:45 pm, Hickman Hall, Room 138

First Session: ***(Delegates in seats at 7:45 pm)**
8:00 pm - Hickman Hall, Room 138
Keynote Speaker: Corey Flournoy
FFA Scholarship Presentations
10:00 pm - FFA Ice Cream Social **(Everyone must attend)**

Wednesday, May 25, 2005 – New Jersey State Board of Agriculture Members attend convention

Second Session: ***(Delegates in seats at 8:15 am)**
8:30 am - Hickman Hall, Room 138
Public Speaking Career Development Events
Fall Career Development Event Awards

Third Session: ***(Delegates in seats at 1:15 pm)**
1:30 pm - Hickman Hall, Room 138
Business Session for Delegates
Spring Career Development Event Awards

Committee Meetings: 3:30 pm

- **Membership and Chapter Relations/ State Leadership Activities**
Hickman Hall, Room 112, Erica Runge, State Reporter
- **State FFA Applications**
Hickman Hall, Room 114, Rebecca Schnetzer, State Vice President
- **Constitution, Bylaws and POA**
Hickman Hall, Room 131, Heather White, State President
- **CDE/ Hort Expo Review and Evaluation**
Hickman Hall, Room 127, Michael De Vito, State FFA Treasurer
- **State Convention Evaluation**
Hickman Hall, Room 115, Jennifeur Wilson, Executive Committee

Banquet: 5:00 pm – Neilson Dining Hall
Recognition of New Jersey Team Agricultural Education Members

Fourth Session: ***(Delegates in seats at 6:45 pm)**
7:00 pm - Hickman Hall, Room 138
Keynote Address: Emily Horton, National FFA Secretary
NJ FFA Association Annual Report

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Fifth Session: ***(Delegates in seats at 8:15 am)**
8:30 am - Hickman Hall, Room 138
Committee Reports
State Proficiency Award Presentations
Nominating Committee Report
Installation of 2005-06 State FFA Officers

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

| <u>Chapter</u> | <u>Region</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Allentown | Central | D | E |
| Atlantic County | Southern | B | C |
| BCIT- Westampton | Central | A | D |
| BCIT-Medford | Central | B | E |
| Belvidere | No. West | D | C |
| Bergen Co. Tech. | No. East | B | E |
| Bergen Co. - Paramus | No. East | C | A |
| Buena | Southern | C | E |
| Camden Pennsauken | Central | A | D |
| Camden Tech East | Central | B | E |
| Cape May Tech | Southern | C | B |
| Cumberland Regional | Southern | A | D |
| Delsea Regional | Southern | A | E |
| Freehold | Central | C | B |
| Gloucester County | Southern | D | E |
| Hackettstown HS | No. West | D | A |
| H. O. Sampson Collegiate | No. East | A | E |
| Middlesex E. Brunswick | No. East | B | E |
| Middlesex Piscataway | No. East | A | B |
| Monmouth County | Central | B | D |
| Newton | No. West | D | A |
| North Warren | No. West | C | E |
| Northern Burlington | Central | D | A |
| Northern Burlington Middle School | Central | A | C |
| Penns Grove | Southern | B | D |
| Phillipsburg | No. West | B | E |
| Salem Co. V.T. | Southern | D | E |
| Salem High School | Southern | C | E |
| Somerset Tech | No. East | A | C |
| South Hunterdon | No. West | C | B |
| South Hunterdon Middle | No. West | A | C |
| Sussex County | No. West | D | E |
| Union County | No. East | B | C |
| Warren Hills | No. West | A | C |
| West Essex | No. East | A | B |
| Woodstown | Southern | B | E |

Key for Committees

A - Career Development Event/ Hort Expo Review and Evaluation

C- Membership and Chapter Relations/ State Leadership Activities

E - State Convention

B - State FFA Applications

D- Constitution, Bylaws, and POA

**2005 Suggested Amendments
for the Constitution of the New Jersey FFA Association, Inc.**

Article IV – Membership, Section B

CURRENT – “Membership shall not be denied to any student of an agricultural education/program because of race, sex, creed, or national origin.”

PROPOSED - Add the word “disability” after “creed” and before “or” so Article IV Section B reads:
“Membership shall not be denied to any student of an agricultural education/program because of race, sex, creed, *disability*, or national origin.”

**Description of New Jersey FFA Dues Proposal
2005-2006**

The 2004-2005 State FFA Executive Board recommends the following:

State dues recommendation:

- Increase state dues from \$5 to \$6.

National FFA Membership **\$5.00**

New Jersey State FFA Dues (supports State Activities)..... **\$6.00**

2005 – 2006 dues total for all members..... \$11.00

Rationale:

- If New Jersey FFA Membership maintains its 2004-2005 numbers (~1600), this would mean an increase in the association budget of \$1600.
- Expenses for table rental and awards for the Horticultural Exposition have increased for a total cost of \$2485.
- The State Convention Keynote Speaker has not been funded by the Association for the past two years. Other funds have been used to cover this, but are not guaranteed.
- Over \$12,000 is spent annually for leadership training for the State FFA Association.

Background:

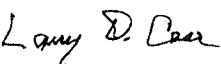
- State dues were raised \$0.50 at 2003 State FFA Convention to help cover increasing costs.
- Prior to 2003, state dues had not been since 1996.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 15, 2005

TO: All FFA Associations (Advisors and Executive Secretaries)

FROM: Larry Case, National Advisor 

RE: Constitutional Amendment for Consideration by the Delegates to the 78th
NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY IN OCTOBER 2005

As National FFA Advisor, I am required to submit all constitutional amendments to the states by March 1. (Article XVII, Amendments) Likewise, as per Article XVII, amendments must be submitted by January 1 for review by the National FFA Board of Directors at their January meeting. These provisions have been met and the Board has asked that the delegates consider the following constitutional amendment this October.

CONSTITUTION – ARTICLE XVII

Amend the voting process by which amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by inserting **"and ratification by a majority of the state associations with official delegates"** prior to the words "at the National FFA Convention" in sentence five and six of Article XVII of the National FFA Constitution.

The new Section B of Article XVII would then read as follows:

An amendment to the National FFA Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates and ratification by a majority vote of the state associations with official delegates at the National FFA Convention. An amendment to Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the official delegates and ratification by a majority vote of the state associations with official delegates at the National FFA Convention.

Note: This is a joint proposed amendment from the Illinois FFA Association and the Pennsylvania FFA Association.

Note: The FFA Board of Directors has reviewed this amendment to the Constitution and has determined that the proposal is proper and legal for consideration by the delegate to the 78th National FFA Convention. This amendment required a two-thirds vote for passage by the delegates. We encourage your discussion of this amendment at upcoming association executive meetings and your state FFA conventions. It will also be important to inform your voting delegates to the convention this fall.

If you have questions regarding this proposed amendment, please call. Thanks and may we have a successful convention in Louisville this October.

Background regarding proposed constitutional change is below.

Current

An amendment to the National FFA Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates at the national FFA Convention. An amendment to the Bylaws shall require a majority vote of the official delegates at the National FFA Convention.

Proposed

An amendment to the National FFA Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates and a majority vote of the state associations with official delegates at the National FFA Convention. An amendment to the Bylaws shall require a majority vote of the official delegates and a majority vote of the state associations with official delegates at the National FFA Convention.

Motion

To amend the vote by which amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by inserting “and a majority vote of the state associations with official delegates” prior to the words “at the National FFA Convention” in sentences five and six of Article XVI of the National FFA Constitution.

Rationale

- *This amendment reinforces the value of each state association’s needs, while respecting the value of its’ members. Under the 2003 National Convention Delegate distribution and the current amendments rules to the bylaws can be made with only 11 states voting in favor.*
- *It is apparent in the constitution that the rights of the associations are to be secured, the current method of balloting places control of the association in the hands of a minority and does not preserve the right of the majority of the associations to control their won destiny, let alone have a voice in the National Organization.*
- *In respect to constitutional issues, this proposal will set up a model similar to the United States Congress which values the rights of the citizens, but preserves the rights of the states. Regular business items would continue to be treated according to established Parliamentary Law.*

Example of Process

- *One additional step would be required before a proposed amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws could be adopted.*
- *After the delegate vote was taken, a roll call by states would be conducted, with one official delegate selected by the State Association (presumably the State Association President) casting a vote: 1) to adopt the proposal, 2) to reject the proposal or 3) to abstain. A majority of the State Associations with official delegates seated at the National FFA Convention must vote in favor of adopting the proposal in order for it to be enacted.*
If the majority of the delegates fail to ratify a proposed amendment, the roll call by state would be unnecessary.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

| Motion | Second Required | Debatable | Amendable | Vote Required | Reconsider |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--|---------------|
| Privileged Motions | | | | | |
| Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn | Yes | No | Yes | Majority | Yes |
| Adjourn | Yes | No | No | Majority | No |
| Recess | Yes | No | Yes | Majority | No |
| Raise a Question of Privilege | No | No | No | Chair Grants | No |
| Call for the Orders of the Day | No | No | No | No vote, demand | No |
| Subsidiary Motions | | | | | |
| Lay on the table | Yes | No | No | Majority | Neg. only (3) |
| Previous Question | Yes | No | No | 2/3 | Yes |
| Limit or Extend Limits of Debate | Yes | No | Yes | 2/3 | Yes |
| Postpone to a Certain Time (or Definitely) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority | Yes |
| Commit or Refer | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority | Yes |
| Amend | Yes | Yes (1) | Yes | Majority | Yes |
| Postpone Indefinitely | Yes | Yes | No | Majority | Affirm. Only |
| Main Motion | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority | Yes |
| Incidental Motions | | | | | |
| Appeal | Yes | Yes (1) | No | Majority | Yes |
| Division of the Assembly | No | No | No | No vote, demand | No |
| Division of a Question | Yes | No | Yes | Majority | No |
| Objection to the Consideration of a Question | No | No | No | 2/3 | Neg. only |
| Parliamentary Inquiry | No | No | No | Chair answers | No |
| Point of order | No | No | No | Normally no vote Chair rules | No |
| Suspend the Rules | Yes | No | No | (2) | No |
| Withdraw a Motion | No (3) | No | No | Majority (3) | Neg. Only |
| Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly | | | | | |
| Reconsider (4) | Yes | Yes (1) | No | Majority | No |
| Rescind (4) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority with notice, 2/3, or majority of membership (3) | Neg. Only |
| Take from the Table (4) | Yes | No | No | Majority | No |

(1) If applied to a debatable motion

(2) Rules of Order - 2/3 vote, standing rules - majority vote

(3) Refer to *Robert's Rules of Order* Newly Revised (10th edition) for rule(s)

(4) Refer to CDE rule #9 before using these motions in the demonstration

The parliamentary procedure career development event committee developed information on the chart by using *Robert's Rules of Order*. For more information on parliamentary procedure, see the *FFA Student Handbook*, which contains a complete chapter on the subject. Even more detail on the subject is available in parliamentary procedure books such as *Robert's Rules of Order*.